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Docket No.: 2803.64683

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Anticipated Classification of this application:
Class: Subclass:

Prior application: 09/097,027

Examiner: Nguyen, D.

Art Unit: 2871

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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUING OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a

- () Continuation application,
- (X) Divisional application,

under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/097,027 filed on June 12, 1998 for VERTICALLY-ALLIGNED (VA) LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I certify that, on the date shown below, these documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," Mailing Label No. EL409506285US.

Date October 12, 2000

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1. (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. The attached application papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No.: 09/097,027 as originally filed on June 12, 1998, and no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration as originally filed introduced new matter. This statement is made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed are as follows:

- (X) 216 pages of specification including claims and abstract
 - (X) 246 sheets(s) of drawing
 - (X) 13 pages of declaration and power of attorney
2. () Enclosed is a replacement specification reflecting previously submitted amendments and/or additional formal amendments. No new matter is added by the changes. A copy of the oath or declaration as originally filed is also included.

The new application includes:

- () pages of specification including claims and abstract
 - () sheets(s) of drawing
 - () pages of declaration and power of attorney
3. () A statement (Declaration) claiming small entity status was filed in the prior application and small entity status for this application is proper and desired.
4. (X) Cancel in this application original claims 1-148 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

5. (X) The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

| For | No. Filed | No. Extra | Rate | Fee |
|--|-----------|------------------|-------------|----------|
| Basic Fee..... | | | | \$710.00 |
| Total Claims... | 21 - 20 = | 1 | x \$18.00 = | \$ 18.00 |
| Independent Claims.... | 3 - 3 = | 0 | x \$80.00 = | \$ 0 |
| | | Total Filing Fee | | \$728.00 |
| Statement of Status as Small Entity Reducing Filing Fee By Half To | | | | \$ -0- |

6. (X) A check in the amount \$ 728.00 is enclosed.
7. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
8. () A petition and fee for an extension of time has been filed in the pending prior application. A copy of the petition is attached.
9. (X) Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/097,027, filed **June 12, 1998**--
10. (X) Priority of application Serial No(s).
9-155437, filed **June 12, 1997 in Japan**
9-230982, filed **August 27, 1997 in Japan**
9-230991, filed **August 27, 1997 in Japan**
9-266937, filed **September 30, 1997 in Japan**
9-361384, filed **December 26, 1997 in Japan**
- are claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- (X) The certified copies were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/097,027 on **August 4, 1998**.
11. (X) The prior application is assigned of record to: **Fujitsu Limited**. The assignment was recorded on **January 25, 1999** on Reel 9533, Frame 0769.

12. (X) The inventors of the invention of the parent application, serial number 09/097,027 are as follows:

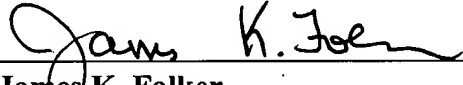
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13. (X) An information disclosure statement is submitted herewith.
14. (X) A preliminary amendment is enclosed herewith.
15. () Please delete the name(s) of _____ who is (are) not a (an) inventor(s) of the subject matter of the () continuing () divisional application.
16. (X) The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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- (X) The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- () Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- () Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- (X) A copy of the Associate Power to **James K. Folker** is enclosed. The original Associate Power was filed in the parent application.
- (X) Address all future communications to:
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In re application of: **Takeda et al.**
Application No.: **09/097,027**
Filed: **June 12, 1998**
For: **VERTICALLY-ALLIGNED (VA) LIQUID
CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE**

Art Unit: **2871**
Examiner: **Nguyen, D.**

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**NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF CONTINUING
OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a:

- ☐ continuation
☐ continuation-in-part
☒ divisional

application for this case

☒ concurrently herewith.

☐ on _____
Date

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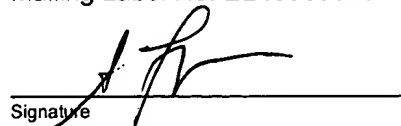
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